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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

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Dissolving of this Current Parliament:

ANNE by the grace of GOD, Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, his Brethren Heraulds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Purlevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute Greeting; *Forasmuch as*, the current Parliament of this Our ancient Kingdom, by the last Act of the last Session thereof, bearing date the thirtieth day of June last bypast, stands adjourned to the eighteenth day of August instant, And We having thought fit, for divers important and weighty Considerations, to put an end to it by the Dissolution thereof. Therefore, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, hereby dissolve Our said Parliament, and declare the same to be dissolved accordingly; And We considering that We are engaged at present in a most just and necessary War, against France and Spain, and that by Acts past in the Parliaments both of this Our ancient Kingdom, and in that of England, We are impowered to Nominate Commissioners, to Treat of an Union betwixt these Our Kingdoms of Scotland and England, and of other Things, Matters and Causes relating thereto, conform to the Tenor of the saids Acts, which We furthwith intend to do; The Conclusion of which Union to be Established and Ratified in both Parliaments, will undoubtedly conduce to the lasting Peace and Welfare of both Kingdoms: For these Causes, and that We judge it necessary there should be a Parliament in Being, that may meet when We find the occasions of this Our ancient Kingdom shall require it, and so soon as the Circumstances of Our Affairs will admit; We have thought fit to publish, and do hereby with Advice foresaid publish and make known to all Our Liedges, that We are resolved speedily to indite a new Parliament. OUR WILL IS HEREFORE, and We charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent thir Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat cross of Edinburgh, and to the Mercat crosses of the remanent Head-burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Our ancient Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, make Publication of this Our Proclamation dissolving Our said current Parliament, and that the same is accordingly dissolved; and that We are resolved speedily to indite a new Parliament to meet when the Occasions of this Our Kingdom shall require it, and so soon as the Circumstances of Our Affairs will admit. And Ordains these presents to be Printed and Published, that none may pretend Ignorance. Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the fourteenth day of August, and of Our Reign the first Year 1702.

Per *Actum* Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB: ELIOT, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD save the Queen.

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